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SUBJ: KHMER IN 29TH GA: ARGENTINA

SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO JAPANESE, FOREIGN MINISTRY IN BUENOS AIRES STATES THAT ARGENTINA WILL SUPPORT PRIORITY FOR FRIENDLY KHMER RESOLUTION IF VOTE REQUIRED FOR SUCCESS. THIS INFORMATION MUST BE HELD CLOSELY. END SUMMARY.

1. ARGENTINE PERM REP ORTIZ DE ROZAS, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF FIRST COMMITTEE, HAS REPEATEDLY TOLD US AND COSPONSORS OF FRIENDLY KHMER RESOLUTION THAT ARGENTINA WOULD VOTE YES ON SUBSTANCE BUT ABSTAIN ON PRIORITY.

2. JAPANESE MISSION INFORMED US LATE NOVEMBER 21 THAT JAPANESE EMBASSY DEPUTY IN BUENOS AIRES DISCUSSED ARGENTINE POSITION FURTHER WITH MOLINA SALAS ON NOVEMBER 20 AND 21.

3. IN FIRST CONVERSATION, MOLINA SALAS CONFIRMED PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ARGENTINE POSITION, EXPLAINING THAT ARGENTINE ABSTENTION ON PRIORITY FOR FRIENDLY KHMER
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RESOLUTION WAS BASED LARGELY ON PERCEIVED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN

PRIORITY ON THAT QUESTION AND PRIORITY FOR FRIENDLY KOREA RESOLUTION. IF COSPONSORS OF HOSTILE KOREA RESOLUTION SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY OVER FRIENDLY KOREA RESOLUTION, ARGENTINA WOULD ABSTAIN ON THAT QUESTION TOO. MOLINA SALAS TOLD JAPANESE THAT THIS RATIONALE ORIGINATED WITH ORTIZ DE ROZAS.

4. JAPANESE HERE INFORMED US THAT WHEN JAPANESE EMBASSY FOLLOWED UP NOVEMBER 21 WITH MOLINA SALAS, LATTER STATED THAT GOA HAD DECIDED TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF PRIORITY FOR FRIENDLY KHMER RESOLUTION IF REPEAT IF FRIENDLY COSPONSORS NEEDED ARGENTINE VOTE. MOLINA SALAS TOLD JAPANESE THAT FINAL DECISION WOULD BE MADE ONLY "AT THE LAST STAGE OF VOTE COUNTING."

5. WE AGREED WITH STRONG JAPANESE RECOMMENDATION THAT WE HOLD THIS NEW ARGENTINE POSITION VERY CLOSELY, PARTICULARLY TO AVOID STIMULATING ALGERIAN COUNTER PRESSURES AGAINST "NONALIGNED" ARGENTINA.

6. COMMENT: WE RECOMMEND AGAINST ANY AMERICAN FOLLOWUP WITH GOA IN BUENOS AIRES, LEAVING IT TO JAPANESE AND OTHER FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS HERE TO NAIL DOWN SUPPORT THROUGH PERSONAL DISCUSSIONS WITH ORTIZ DE ROZAS. HIS POSITION IS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE BECAUSE, AS CHAIRMAN OF FIRST COMMITTEE, HE ALSO HAS KEY ROLE TO PLAY ON KOREA ITEM. END COMMENT.
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